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UConn student wanted in second slaying

State police searching in Pennsylvania for UConn senior wanted in Willington, Derby killings

By Kathleen McWilliams and David Owens

Police in Pennsylvania said Sunday morning they are searching for 23-year-old Peter Manfredonia, the UConn senior suspected in the killings of a 62-year-old man in Willington on Friday, a 23-year-old man in Derby, and the abduction of a woman from the Derby crime scene.

Police said Manfredonia, who was last seen in the area of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, shortly after 6 p.m. Sunday, may be armed with pistols and shotguns they say he stole during a home invasion in Willington.

After fleeing the homicide scene in Derby, police said Manfredonia abducted the dead man's girlfriend and stole a 2016 black Volkswagen Jetta from their home.

Police found the Jetta and the girlfriend Sunday afternoon in New Jersey near the Pennsylvania border. She was safe and police are questioning her. She was not identified.

Manfredonia

Early Sunday, state police from the Tolland barracks were called to a home on Turnpike Road in Willington where a man reported he had been held against his will by Manfredonia. The victim told troopers that Manfredonia broke into his home Friday night and held him against his will until leaving early Sunday. He stole food from the man, three shotguns and a pistol, and his truck. The victim was not injured and refused medical treatment.

A short time later, Derby Police located the Willington's victim's stolen truck crashed near Osbornedale State Park, prompting police to swarm the area in search of Manfredonia. Derby police found the abandoned vehicle at 6:45 a.m. Sunday, but said the exact time of the crash is not known.

Police said during their investigation of the park they learned that Manfredonia had an acquaintance who lived on Roosevelt Drive in Derby. When they went to the residence, they found a dead man. He was identified Sunday afternoon as Nicholas J. Eisele, 23.

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Veteran Paul Willis, with American Legion Post 182, salutes a headstone at the final resting place of veterans after planting a flag in honor of them Saturday for Memorial Day at the Granby Cemetery.

Solemn respect

With celebrations and ceremonies canceled, a quieter Memorial Day to reflect on Connecticut's fallen fighters

By Jesse Leavenworth

Memorial Day will be muted in the time of coronavirus.

Parades, cemetery tributes and big family gatherings marking the start of summer will have to wait.

But the break from traditional ceremony and celebration also offers a chance for deeper reflection on the meaning of the holiday, and particularly for thoughts of Connecticut's own fighters who paid the highest price on the nation's battlefields.

Following are thumbnail sketches of service and sacrifice from the Revolutionary War to the present:

Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton: Spymaster and Bunker Hill hero

Knowlton (1740-76) was among the first Connecticut men who rushed to Boston after the alarms at Lexington and Concord.

At the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, the combat-hardened veteran of the French and Indian War led a company in Gen. Israel Putnam's Third Connecticut Regiment. From behind a rail fence at the foot of Breed's Hill, Knowlton and his Connecticut farmers poured devastating musket fire into advancing Redcoats trying to turn the Americans' left flank.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel, Knowlton became one of Gen. George Washington's most trusted officers, leading a scouting unit

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CT HUMANITIES

Capt. Thomas Knowlton, left, is shown in the white shirt, holding a musket, in this painting by John Trumbull.

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Hospitals report decrease

State parks shut down after reaching capacity

By Kathleen McWilliams

Coronavirus hospitalizations declined again Sunday, Gov. Ned Lamont said, but hundreds of new cases were still reported over the weekend.

There were 446 new cases of the virus in Connecticut as of Sunday afternoon and 18 new deaths. Officials said that 40,468 people have tested positive for the virus and 3,693 people have died since the virus hit Connecticut.

The state reported Sunday that 214,136 residents have been tested for coronavirus.

Fairfield County still leads Connecticut in cases and deaths, with 15,114 confirmed cases and 1,215 deaths. New Haven County reported the second-highest numbers, with 10,905 cases and more than 900 deaths. Hartford County reported 9,686 cases and 1,175 deaths. Windham County has the fewest reported cases with 359 confirmed cases and 14 deaths.

Beautiful weather draws crowds to state parks

Connecticut outdoors aficionados lost no time stepping out into the sunshine and hitting the trails Sunday morning, prompting state officials to close several state parks Sunday.

Sleeping Giant State Park, Wadsworth Falls State Park, C.P. Huntington State Park, Topsmead State Forest, Millers Pond State Park, Talcott Mountain State Park, and Penwood State Park were all closed to new visitors after their parking lots reached capacity Sunday.

Sleeping Giant and Southford Falls State

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Sunday's events:

▶ The death toll in the U.S. climbed past 99,000, and there are more than 1.68 million confirmed cases.

▶ Connecticut reported 18 new deaths for a total of 3,693, and 446 new cases.

▶ The state's recent announcement allowing hotels to reopen June 20 has revived hopes for a successful summer of tourism, particularly in Connecticut's shoreline towns. However, industry professionals emphasize that visitors and residents should anticipate a new type of vacation in 2020. **Page B1**

Connecticut top destination for people leaving New York

Coronavirus severity starts exodus from Big Apple

By Amanda Blanco and Shawn McFarland

After 12 years living in New York City, the Baust family is more than ready to move out. Ed Baust and his wife are closing on a house in Greenwich and planning to move with their 4-year-old son and the family dog in June.

While the couple considered an eventual move out of the city, Baust said the coronavirus pandemic accelerated their plans. With office buildings shut down, he has spent weekdays working on his laptop in the couple's bedroom, while his wife looks after their son, who has online preschool sessions.

"There's no restaurants, no nightlife, no shopping. ...You're basically crammed into your apartment, that you're paying a lot of money for, just to sort of be here," he said about living in New York during the pandemic. "Why are we doing this, if we could be living with a yard, in a community

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Teacher of the year

Shakira Perez, an English teacher at Classical Magnet School, was named Hartford's 2020 teacher of the year. Perez said she works to "give back what was given to me" — a solid base for college, the ability to read and think critically, to solve problems and to communicate effectively. **Connecticut, Page B1**

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